

Mr. Murase graduated from the Gould School of Law at the University of Southern California (USC) and taught some of the early ethnic studies classes at UCLA, USC, and California State University Long Beach.

Mr. Murase was a member and leader of such seminal organizations as Asian Americans for Nuclear Disarmament, the Little Tokyo Peoples Rights Organization, the National Coalition for Redress/Reparations, Unity Los Angeles, and the California Rainbow Coalition. He was Rev. Jesse Jackson's deputy field coordinator and the California Asian American Coordinator in Rev. Jackson's 1984 presidential run; and the California Campaign director for Rev. Jackson's 1988 effort.

Mike Murase was the District Director of my Congressional office for 13 years where he worked tirelessly with countless community service organizations, improving their interaction with the Federal government. He was a highly skilled manager who was also an extremely talented graphics designer, writer, public speaker, and organizer, who, utilizing all of his skill set, led and trained my staff magnificently. He knew my district well and was able to meet challenges of every type, creating positive outcomes on many levels.

Mr. Murase was instrumental in organizing the California Rainbow Coalition after serving on the Rainbow Coalition's national board. He was chair of the Los Angeles Free South Africa Movement from 1986 to 1988, helped Quincy Jones and myself produce the city-wide welcoming reception for Nelson Mandela attended by 79,000 people at the Los Angeles Coliseum in 1990, and was an observer to the African National Congress conference in South Africa in 1991.

Mike Murase is retiring after 16 years on the Executive Staff of the Little Tokyo Service Center, a vital social service and community economic development agency serving the Japanese American community throughout Los Angeles. It is a highly respected organization, which he helped found in 1979. He also served as Board President for its first five years.

Amongst his other duties as the Director of Service Programs for the Center, Mr. Murase was the Terasaki Budokan Campaign Director and successfully opened a significant community athletic center in Little Tokyo.

Mike Murase is a published author and an accomplished photographer, speaks fluent Japanese, and is a favorite interview subject of young Asian American activists. His importance to numerous cultural and political movements in our country cannot be overstated. I congratulate Mike upon his retirement from the Little Tokyo Service Center and look forward to his next endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB ON THEIR SUPERLATIVE PERFORMANCE AT THE FLORIDA STATE THESPIAN FESTIVAL

**HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2022*

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Drama Club at Christopher Columbus High School, my alma mater. On

March 16–19 of 2022, the Columbus Drama Club participated in the Florida State Thespian Festival in Tampa. Their performance was exceptional—the CCHS Drama Club scored six Superiors.

In the first Festival since the beginning of the COVID–19 pandemic, the Explorers achieved a Superior grade in each of the six presentations they submitted. This remarkable feat is only the second time in Columbus High School's history that the Drama Club won a Superior in all its presentations, and the first time in eight years.

I would like specifically to congratulate Christian Wilson, David Figueredo, Tobias Reyes, Joaquim Carvalho, Michael Remy, Miguel Ramirez, Christopher Ramos, Nicholas Sutton, Gabriel Vergara, Matthew Gory, Austin Garcia-Hall, Alexander Valcarcel, Victor Barreda and Sebastian Arana. The Drama Club was led by Ms. Erin McGrath, who deserves a hearty commendation for their success.

Acting brings so much joy to our lives. No doubt these talented and hard-working Explorers-Thespians will go far in their artistic endeavors. I also congratulate the CCHS student body, staff, and especially the parents of the Drama Club students, for their part in this distinguished achievement. I look forward to continuing to witness our school make history. Forward (adelante).

#### EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY U.S.A.

**HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2022*

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, today we recognize national Education and Sharing Day U.S.A., a day in which we recognize the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson's global campaign to educate young people about our responsibility to be a just and compassionate society.

On April 12, 2022, we celebrated the 120th birthday of the Rebbe, one of the most influential Jewish leaders of the 20th century. Under his leadership, he was committed to inculcate young people with deep ethical and moral values, promote compassion, and celebrate our diversity to create a healthy society. His transformational vision has left lasting contributions of acts of goodness and kindness—even a positive act of an individual can make a major impact in the world.

In El Paso, the Acts of Random Kindness (ARK) Giving Project provides school children with small giving boxes in the shape of an ark. They are encouraged to fill them every day with small amounts of money and donate the collected money to a worthy cause. This is a profound lesson in education. The County of El Paso have also launched a similar campaign with all their employees, in the spirit of leading by example, thereby nurturing a more compassionate society by turning Acts of Random Kindness into Acts of Routine Kindness.

Madam Speaker, please join me in calling people for a better, brighter, and hopeful future for all by nurturing our inherent goodness.

#### HONORING BECKY ZASECK FOR HER SERVICE TO HOOSIERS

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2022*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable service of Becky Zaseck as she retires after dedicating 36 years to REAL Services. In nearly four decades, Becky touched the lives of countless Hoosiers across our region.

Based in South Bend, REAL Services provides programs that promote nutrition, self-sufficiency, education, and protection for 30,000 people in northern Indiana each year. As President and CEO of REAL Services since 2007, Becky has been instrumental in leading this robust organization as it administers more than 25 programs and serves 12 counties across northern Indiana.

Before taking the helm of REAL Services, Becky directed the agency's work to serve older Hoosiers for 17 years. In 1986, she first began her career at REAL Services as a program consultant with the state of Indiana helping to establish the organization's family development program, which helps families become financially self-sufficient.

Becky is truly a leader in her field and has served as a role model for so many in Indiana and beyond. Her legacy of compassionate service and expertise is widespread. In past years, Becky was a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging, and she served as a member of the Indiana Commission on Autism.

In recognition of her amazing accomplishments, Becky has received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from Governor O'Bannon, the Trailblazer Award by the Indiana Commission on Women, the YWCA's Woman of the Year, the Hoosier of Distinction Award from Governor Daniels, the Athena Award from the Chamber of Commerce, and Distinguished Alumnus from Leadership South Bend/Mishawaka, among many other recognitions.

Becky is a cherished community leader who has dedicated her life to serving the vulnerable. As she looks ahead to the next chapter, I thank Becky for her servant leadership and for her steadfast commitment to our neighbors. On behalf of Indiana's Second Congressional District, it is my privilege to honor Becky Zaseck for her vast contributions to our region and wish her all the best in the years ahead.

#### PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM BIG OIL PRICE GOUGING

**HON. RO KHANNA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2022*

Mr. KHANNA. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter from Professor Andru Volinsky, on behalf of students in the Sociology Law and Public course at Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire. These students highlight why Congress should pass the Big Oil Windfall Profits Tax Act, my bill with Senator SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, to protect consumers from price gouging from giant oil companies.